

Guilty Plea In 2018 Middletown Shooting Death

Other defendants face prison time for weapons, assault, and strangulation charges

A 17-year-old from Middletown pleaded guilty to charges in Superior Court for the fatal shooting of another teenager. Derrick Caudle pleaded to Murder Second Degree and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony for the 2018 killing of Todd Dorn, 18, of Middletown. The two teens were involved in a fight on in the 500 block of New Street in Middletown, a short distance from Caudle's home. At one point Caudle went into his house and returned outside with a gun. Caudle shot Dorn once in the torso then walked back home where he was apprehended by police a short time later. A Superior Court judge will sentence Caudle in January. Deputy Attorneys General Matthew Frawley and Colleen Durkin prosecuted the case with assistance from paralegal Meredith Parkinson and social worker Jen Kutney-Soper.

Deputy Attorneys General Michael Degliobizzi and Sehr Rana secured a prison sentence for a man who assaulted his wife and father-in-law, and fired a gun with his 2-year-old son in the room. In April 2018, Gregory Johnson, 47, of Philadelphia, went into his father-in-law's home in the Cherokee Woods neighborhood in Newark armed with a sawed-off shotgun. Johnson threatened to kill his father-in-law and his daughter, who is married to Johnson. During a struggle, the shotgun went off in the living room of the home. Johnson pleaded guilty in January to Reckless Endangering First Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Assault Second Degree, and Assault Third Degree. A Superior Court judge sentenced Johnson to 25 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation. Detective Joshua Smith of the New Castle County Police

Department investigated this incident and DOJ social worker Jenn Kutney-Soper assisted with the case.

A Newark man who beat and strangled his girlfriend has pleaded guilty in Superior Court. Gibriel Turay, 22, faces sentencing in September on charges of Strangulation and Theft. In September 2018, Turay woke his girlfriend by punching her in the face, kicking her, and strangling her. Turay then spat on the woman and locked her out of his Oakdale Road apartment with no clothes on. Deputy Attorney General Michael Degliobizzi prosecuted the case with the assistance of special investigator Brian Daly and social worker Stacey Murphy.

A 30-year-old Newark man has pleaded guilty to assaulting his 20-year-old girlfriend. In October 2018, Sean Sullivan had been arguing with his girlfriend and punched her repeatedly in the head and shoulder, pushed her down and choked her to near unconsciousness three times. Sullivan's girlfriend was 12 weeks pregnant at the time. Sullivan pleaded guilty to Strangulation and will be sentenced by a Superior Court judge in September. This resolution marks Sullivan's second conviction for Strangulation, resulting in enhanced penalties under Delaware law. Deputy Attorney General Nichole Warner prosecuted the case with the assistance of special investigator Brian Daly, social worker Jen Kutney-Soper, and paralegal Ann Marie Corrigan. Detective Adam Holubinka of the New Castle County Police Department was the chief investigating officer.